

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

PERIODIC REPORTING
(PROPOSAL EIGHT)

Docket No. RM2015-17

**RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO QUESTIONS 1-3 OF CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1**
(August 27, 2015)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to Questions 1-3 of Chairman's Information Request No. 1, issued August 20, 2015. The questions are stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. The Postal Service introduces a new term, CRTS pallets, which appears to mean Carrier Route bundles on 5-Digit pallets. Petition, Proposal Eight at 1. Please confirm that CRTS pallets are Carrier Route bundles on 5-Digit pallets. If not confirmed, please explain. Please also explain what each letter in the abbreviation "CRTS" represents.

RESPONSE:

The term "CRTS pallets" is a legacy term for 5-Digit Carrier Routes pallets. To be consistent with the DMM the term should have been "CR-RTS" (DMM 750.8.6.7). The term is simply shorthand for "Carrier Routes" and is applied to 5-Digit or 5-Digit Scheme containers that contain only bundles of carrier route presorted mail.

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- 2.** Please provide a summary table showing:
- a. the discount for the CRTS pallet category approved in Docket No. R2015-4;
 - b. the avoided costs for the CRTS pallet category as estimated by Proposal Eight, and
 - c. the updated passthrough for the CRTS pallet category.

With the response, please provide an Excel file with links to all source files and inputs.

RESPONSE:

Please see electronically-attached worksheet "FSS_CRT_Workshares.xls" tab "Standard Mail Carrier Route". The source file "STD_FLATS_Order 2472-5.xlsx" is attached to this response electronically with links between the source file and "FSS_CRT_Workshares.xls".

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3. In Docket No. RM2015-16 (Proposal Seven),¹ the Postal Service filed an expanded Standard Mail Flats Mail Processing Cost Model reflecting the changes proposed in the instant docket. However, the Postal Service did not file the expanded Standard Mail Model in the instant docket. To ensure the appropriate model appears on the docket for this proceeding, please provide the expanded Standard Mail Flats Mail Processing Cost Model that incorporates the changes proposed in Proposal Eight.

RESPONSE:

A copy of the requested model (Excel file "STD_FLATS_Order 2472-5.xls"), originally filed in Docket No. RM2015-16 as part of USPS-RM2015-16/1, is attached to this response electronically.

¹ Docket No. RM2015-16, Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Seven), August 5, 2015.